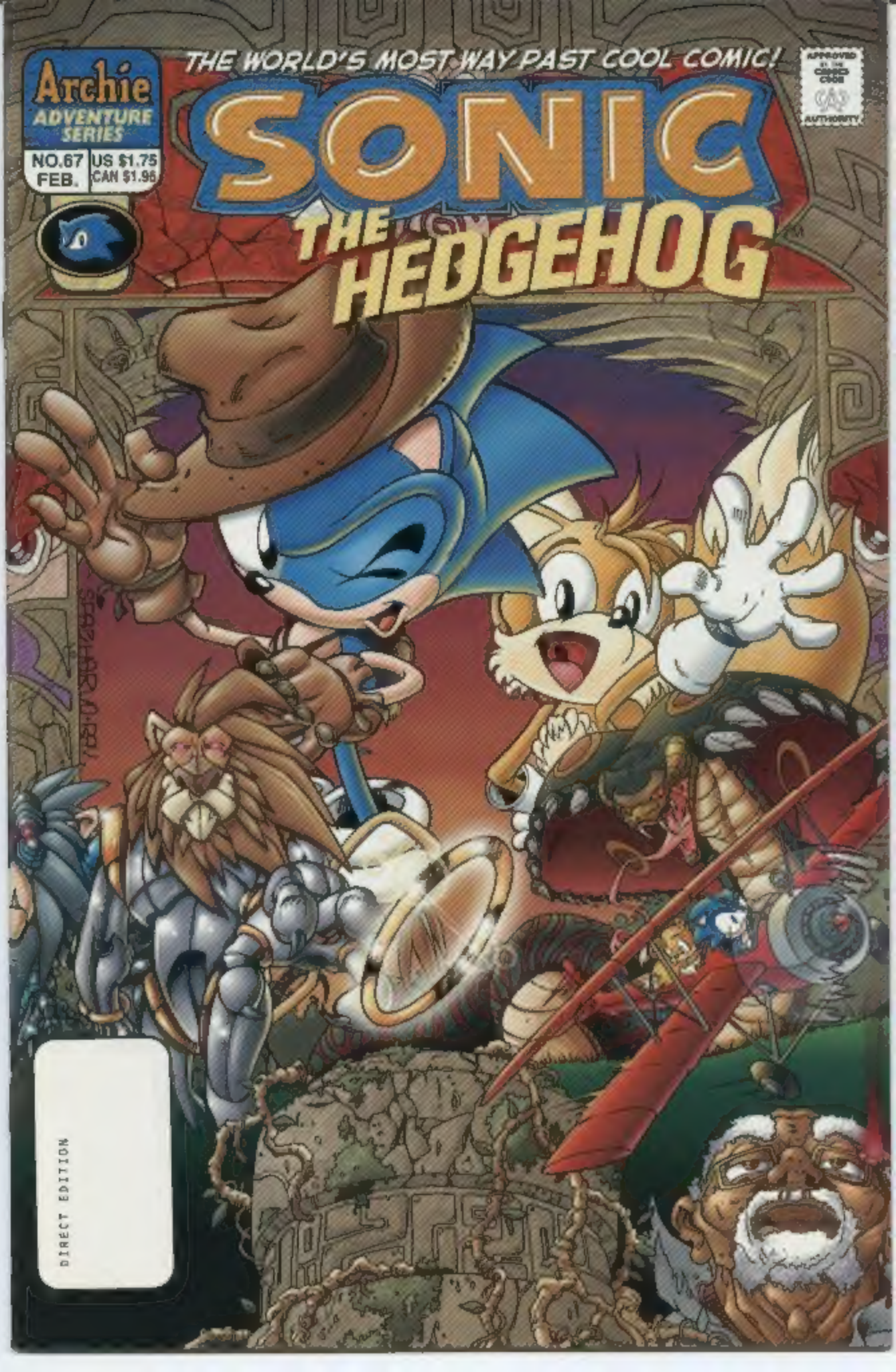
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TAILS

NATE MORGAN

LIKE WHOAH.

I SEE IT-- BUT I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!

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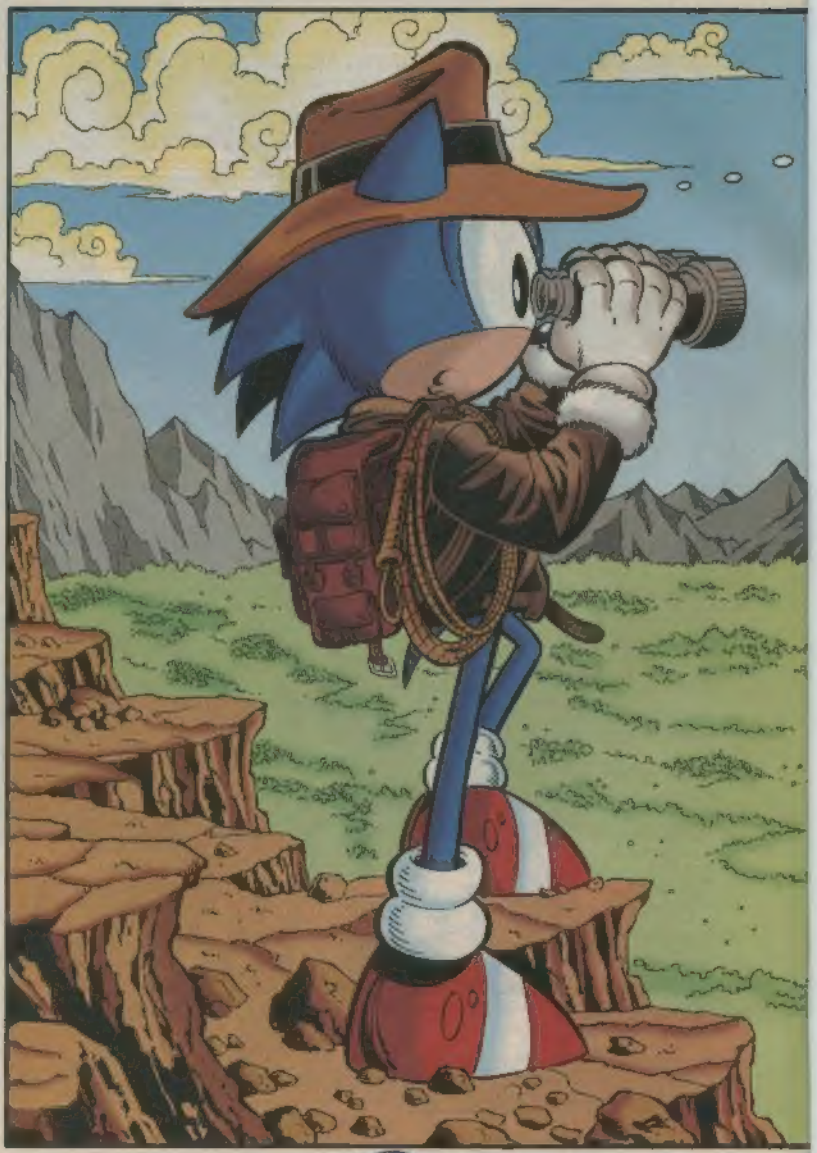

IT'S THERE -- JUST LIKE NATE MORGAN TOLD ME! THE LOST TEMPLE OF SHAZAMAZON -- TUCKED AWAY IN THE MIDDLE O' THE GREAT RAINFOREST!
WHO WOULD'VE EVER THOUGHT A PLACE LIKE THIS COULD'VE GOTTEN BY WITHOUT OL' ROBUTTNIK EVER MUCKIN' IT UP WITH HIS FOUL FOSSIL-FUELED FACTORIES?
GUESS I GOT SO USED TO HIS POLLUTED PORT CITY, ROBOTROPOLIS, I FORGOT THAT A PARADISE AS CLEAN AS THIS COULD EVEN EXIST!

THE SCENERY'S HAPPENING IN A WAY PAST COOL WAY, BUT FOR NOW I'D BETTER JUICE ON OVER TO THE TEMPLE AND SIGHTSEE LATER!
TRIPLE-S SPIN!
TAILS AND I NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE THIS PART O' THE PLANET WHEN WE LEFT MOBOTROPOLIS TO FIND IXIS NAUGUS!"
THERE WAS NO WAY ON MOBIUS WE COULD'VE PREDICTED HALF O' WHAT'S GONE DOWN SINCE!
"SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #57"--Geographical Justin
"I HAD TO HAND IT U' IS-- FOR AN EVIL WIZARD BENT ON TAKIN' OVER EVERYTHING, HE SURE KNEW HOW TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE!
WE HADN'T BEEN HIDE NOR HAIR O' HIM UNTIL WE GOT TO THE SOUTHERN TUNDRA-- THE BOTTOM O' THE WORLD!"
"MATTER O' FACT, WE HADN'T SEEN ANY OVERLANDERS* SINCE ROBUTTNIK BIT THE BIG ONE AND WE SENT HIS ASSISTANT, SNIVELY, OFF TO THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GULAG..."
*Humans
** Back in Issue #30-JFG
"...BUT NATE MORGAN WASN'T LIKE ANY OVERLANDER I EVER MET! HE WAS THE CREATOR OF ALL THE POWER RINGS*** ON THE GLOBE!
"OH, HE SURE TALKED A GOOD TALK WHEN HE SAID HE ONLY CARED ABOUT HIMSELF AND HIS OWN, OWN BEING HIS BEST FRIEND EDDY THE ABOMINABLE SNOW-BOT!
*Power rings are the only clean-air energy source on Mobius.-JFG
"...AND YET HE STILL THREW IN WITH ME AND TAILS WHEN IT CAME TO FIGHTIN' IXIS, WHO PLANNED ON USING THE ENERGY FROM NATE'S POWER RING VAULT TO OPEN THE ZONE OF SILENCE***
"--AN ALTERNATE REALITY IN WHICH HE HAD UNLIMITED POWER!"

"AS IT SO HAPPENS--ME, IXIS AND TAILS WOUND UP ABSORBING THE POWER FROM OF NATE'S RINGS--"
"--AND THOUGH WE DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF IT, WE WERE MIRACULOUSLY TRANSFORMED INTO SUPED-UP VERSIONS OF OURSELVES! WHAT'S STRANGE IS I REMEMBER BEING SUPER SONIC, BUT NOT THIS TIME. ACCORDING TO NATE, I BECAME ULTRA-SONIC AND TAILS WAS NOW HYPER-TAILS!
"IXIS...WELL, HE JUST BECAME A BIGGER, BADDER JERK!
"IT TOOK OUR COMBINED TALENTS TO SEAL THE ZONE, AND IXIS WITHIN IT! WE HAD WON...
"...SO WHY DID WHAT HAPPENED NEXT HAVE TO HAPPEN AT ALL?
"THE FORCE OF THE RIFT CLOSIN' UP CAUSED A TITANIC AVALANCHE--THE ROOF OF NATE'S CASTLE CAVED IN ABOVE US. WE WOULD'VE BEEN GONERS...
"...IF NOT FOR EDDY, HE BOUGHT US ENOUGH TIME TO GET OUT, BUT--BUT--"
"--BUT--
"--HE DIDN'T MAKE IT."
"WE LOST A FRIEND AND GAINED ONE AT THE SAME TIME...
"...'CAUSE AFTER THAT, NATE DECIDED TO COME HOME WITH US TO MODIFY MOBOTROPOLIS' POWER-SOURCES TO RING TECHNOLOGY."
*Essentially a condensed version of Isis #64-66 - JFG

PROBLEM IS, THE TEMPORARY RING THAT'S BEEN FLYING MY BI-PLANE IS SO LOW ON ENERGY, WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT BACK UNLESS I GO--
--INSIDE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT NATE WAS WARNING ME ABOUT--AND I CAN'T FIGURE FOR THE LIFE O' ME WHY TAILS WAS TELLIN' ME TO BE CAREFUL.
I KEPT TELLIN' 'EM IT'D BE A CAKE-WALK! THIS TEMPLE AIN'T SO--
RATATATAT
--BAD!
RATATATAT

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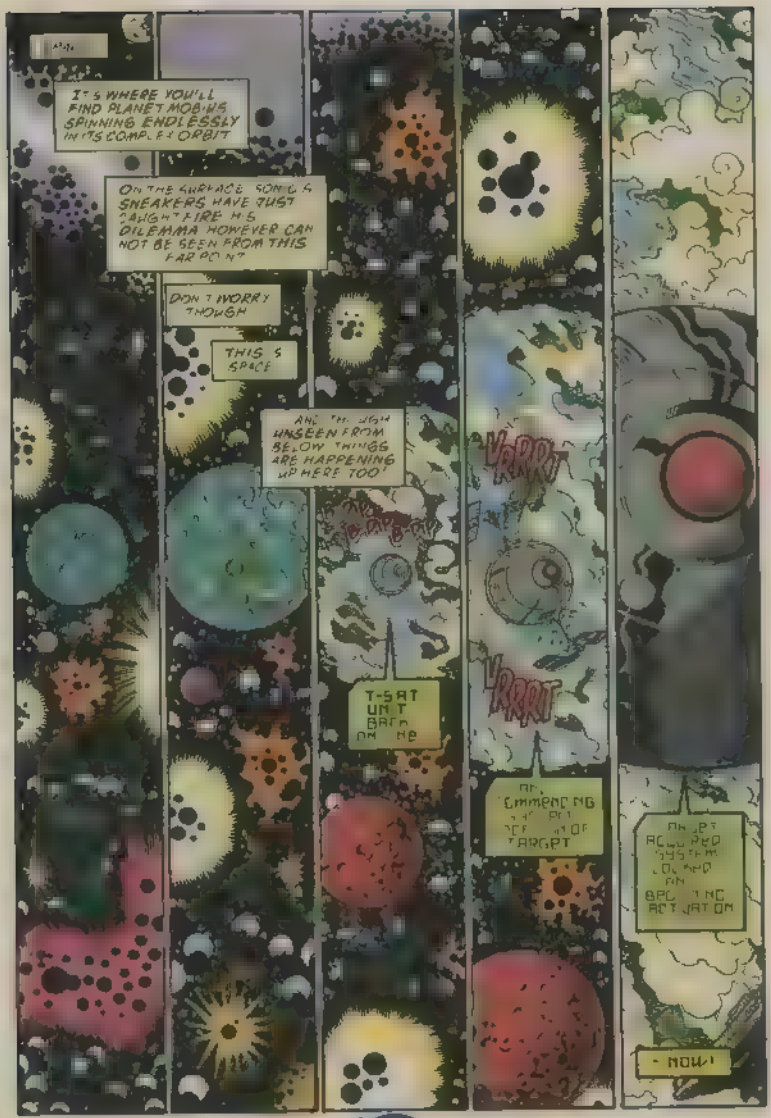
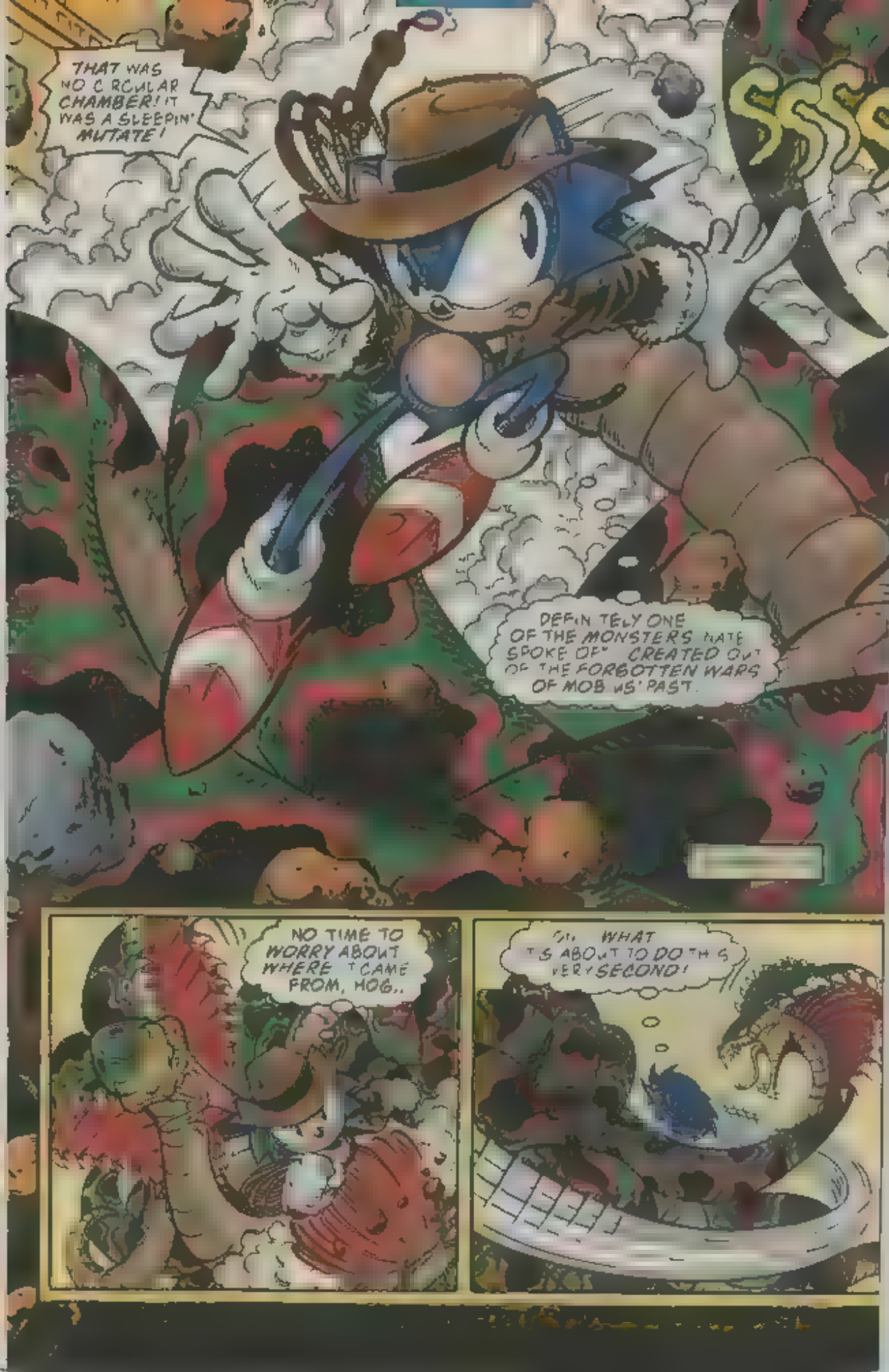
--BUT THIS TIME I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO MAKE THE EXCEPTION!
--WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! NOW I'M READY TO MOVE--
"--ON!"
KLAK!
YIKES!
GOTTA MAKE--
--LIKE--
"LIGHTNING!
CRACK
WOO-HOO!


IT'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND PLANET MOBIUS SPINNING ENDLESSLY IN ITS COMPLEX ORBIT
ON THE SURFACE SONIC & SNEAKERS HAVE JUST CAUGHT FIRE HIS DILEMMA HOWEVER CAN NOT BE SEEN FROM THIS FAR POINT
DON'T WORRY THOUGH
THIS IS SPACE
AND THE SIGH UNSEEN FROM BELOW THINGS ARE HAPPENING UP HERE TOO!
T-SAT UNIT
YARRT
YARRT
- NOW!

REMEMBER WHAT MATE SAID
AND THEN DO T
EXACTLY!
GOT T GAME, AT AST OVER!
UH-OH THE WALLS ARE CLOSING IN! TAKING THE RING MUST HAVE ACTIVATED SOME KIND OF HIDDEN BOOBY TRAP TH S ROUND ROOM
LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY WA OUT-
UH?

MEANWHILE AT THE LOST TEMPLE OF CHA-AMAZUN
BENEATH THE EARTH'S RAINFOREST CANOPY, STRANGE SHADOWS MOVE ACROSS THE STATUES OF THE AGED FACE
AND VICE VERSA
SHEESH, TALK ABOUT BURNING RUBBER!
COULD THAT BE IT? COULD THAT BE
"THE RING OF ACORNS?"


THAT WAS NO CIRCULAR CHAMBER! IT WAS A SLEEPIN' MUTATE!
SSSS
DEFINITELY ONE OF THE MONSTERS NATE SPOKE OF" CREATED OUT OF THE FORGOTTEN WARS OF MOBIUS' PAST.
NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT WHERE IT CAME FROM, HOG..
"... WHAT IT'S ABOUT TO DO THIS VERY SECOND!

WHICH S
EAT ME
KNOT!

FIND YOUR NAME (PRINT
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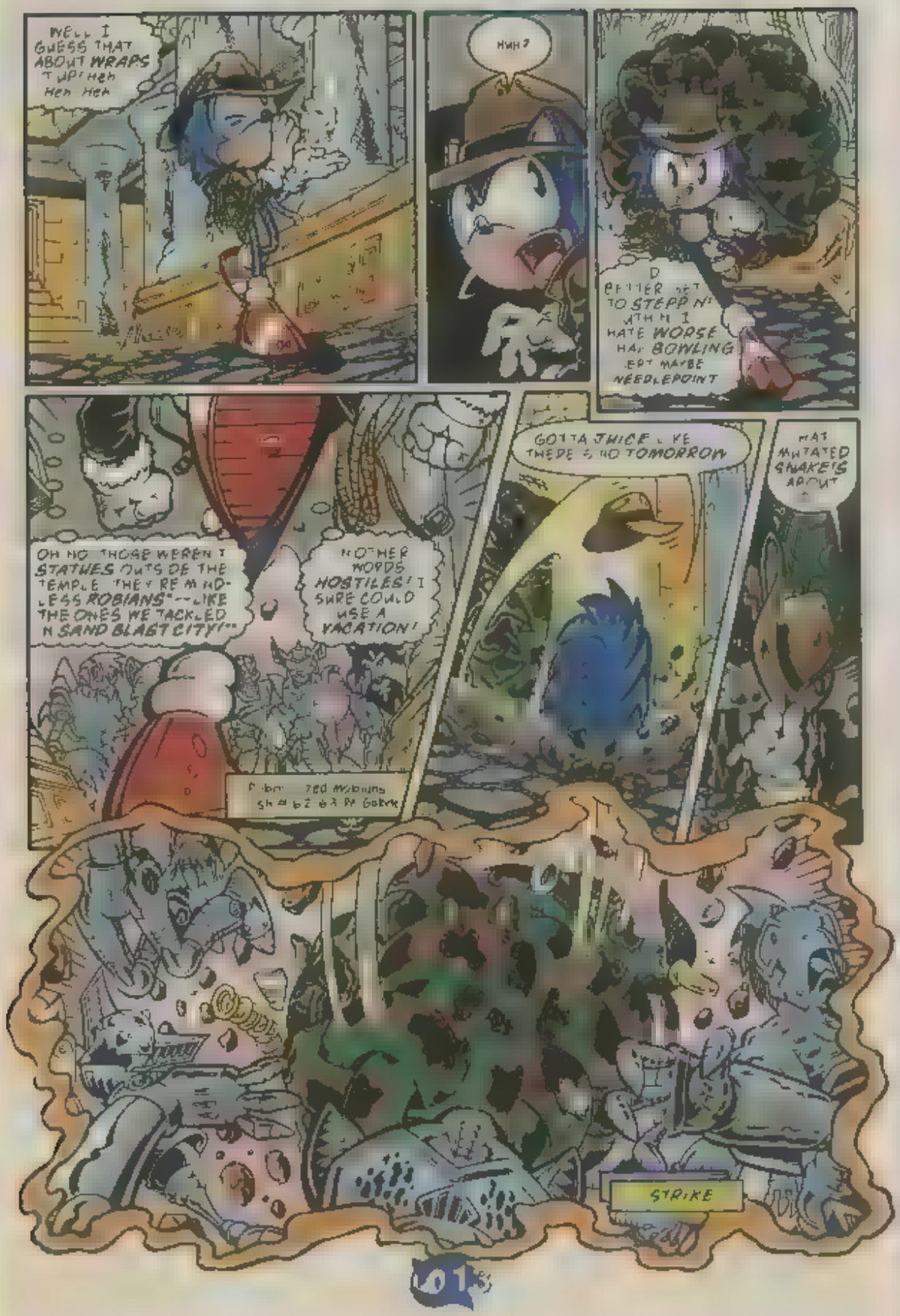
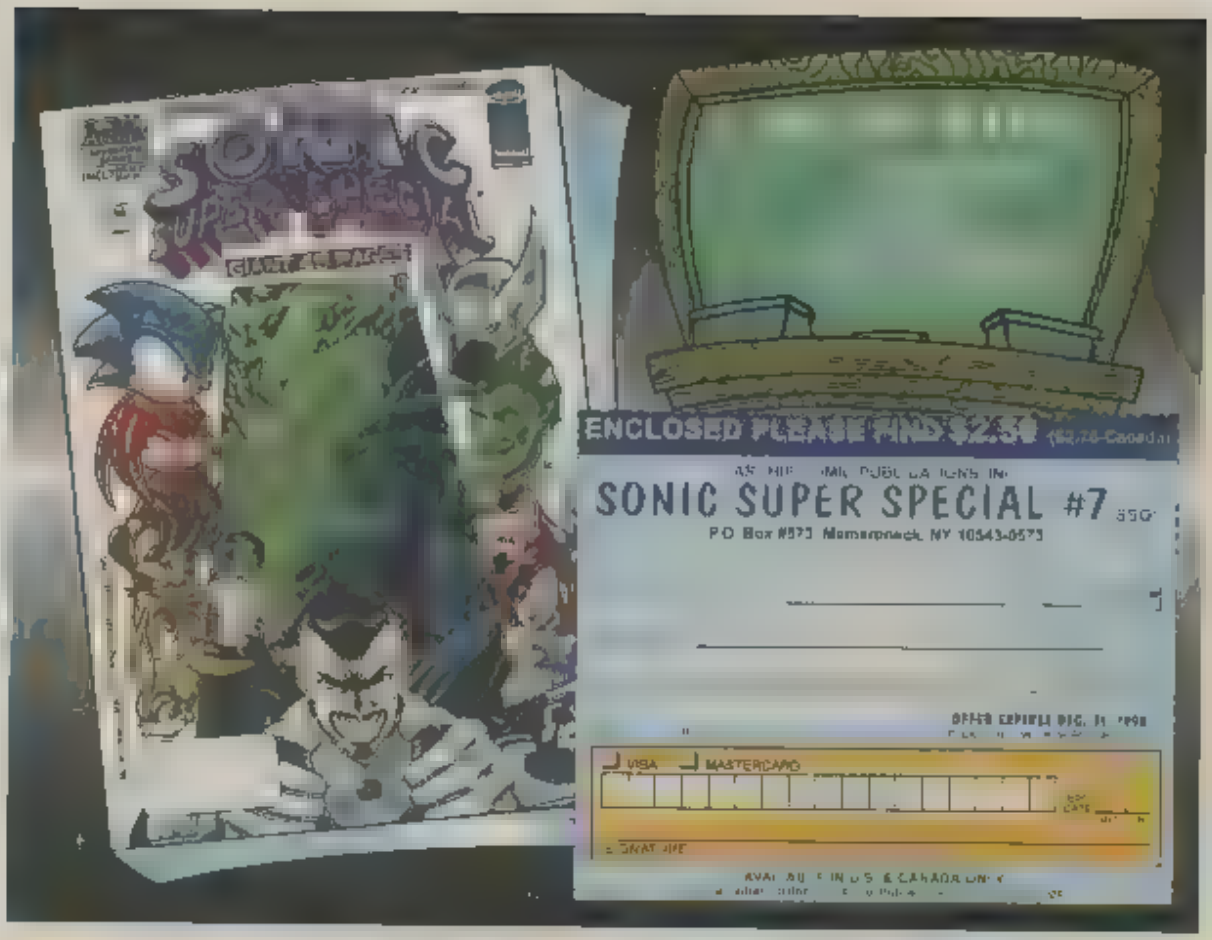

WELL I GUESS THAT ABOUT WRAPS IT UP! HEH HEH HEH
HUH?
I'D BETTER GET TO STEPP N' ATH N I HATE WORSE HAI BOWLING ERT MAYBE NEEDLEPOINT
OH NO THOSE WEREN'T STATUES OUTS DE THE TEMPLE THEY'RE MINDLESS ROBIANS"--LIKE THE ONES WE TACKLED N SAND BLAST CITY!"
IN OTHER WORDS HOSTILES! I SURE COULD USE A VACATION!
GOTTA JUICE LIVE THERE'S NO TOMORRON
THAT MUTATED SNAKE'S ABOUT
STRIKE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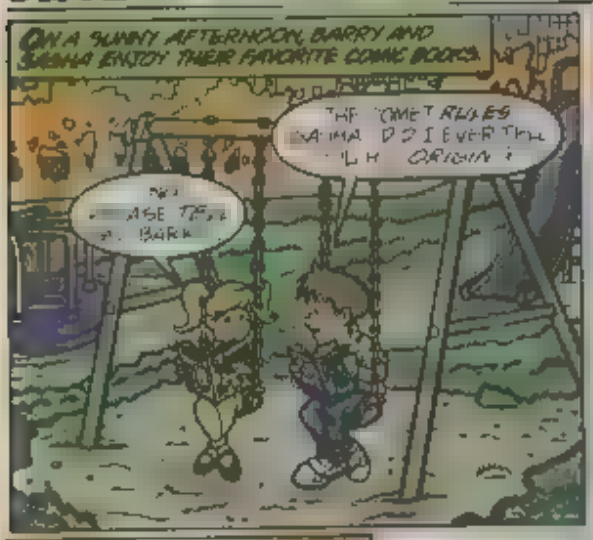

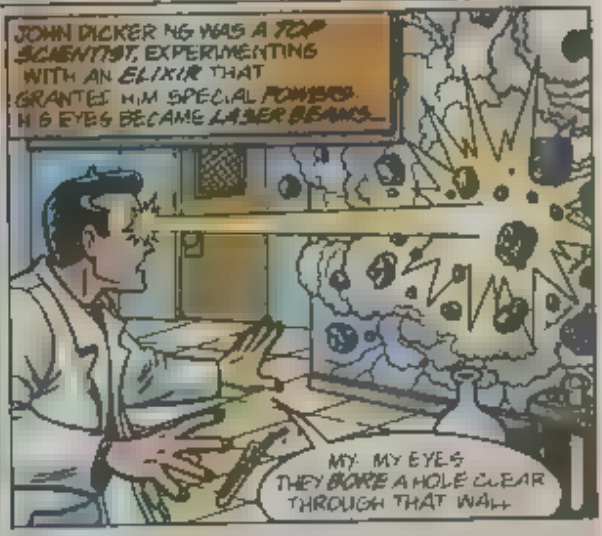

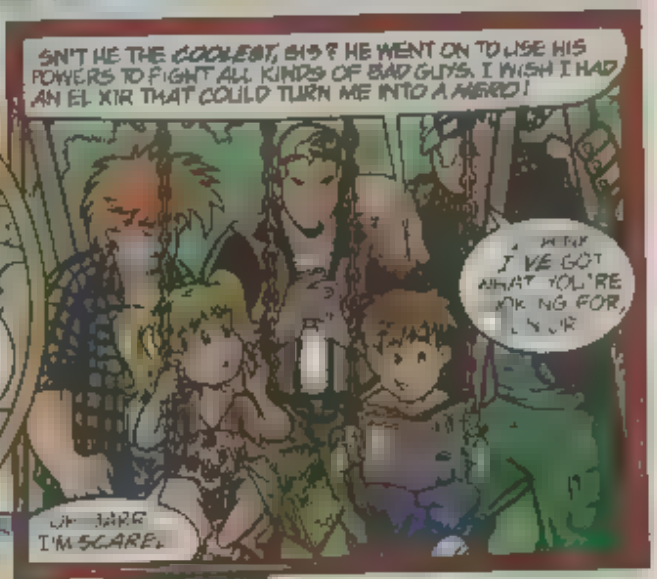

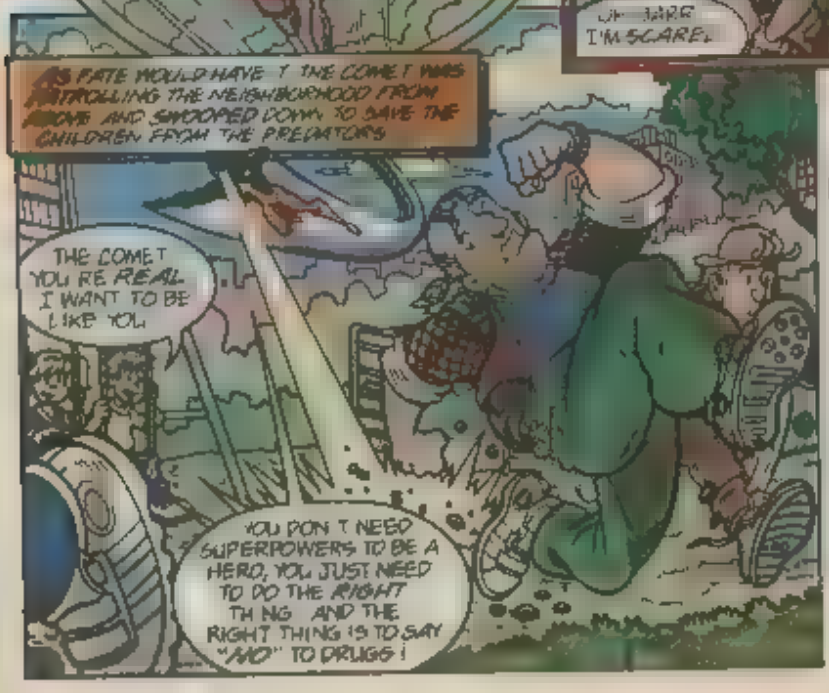

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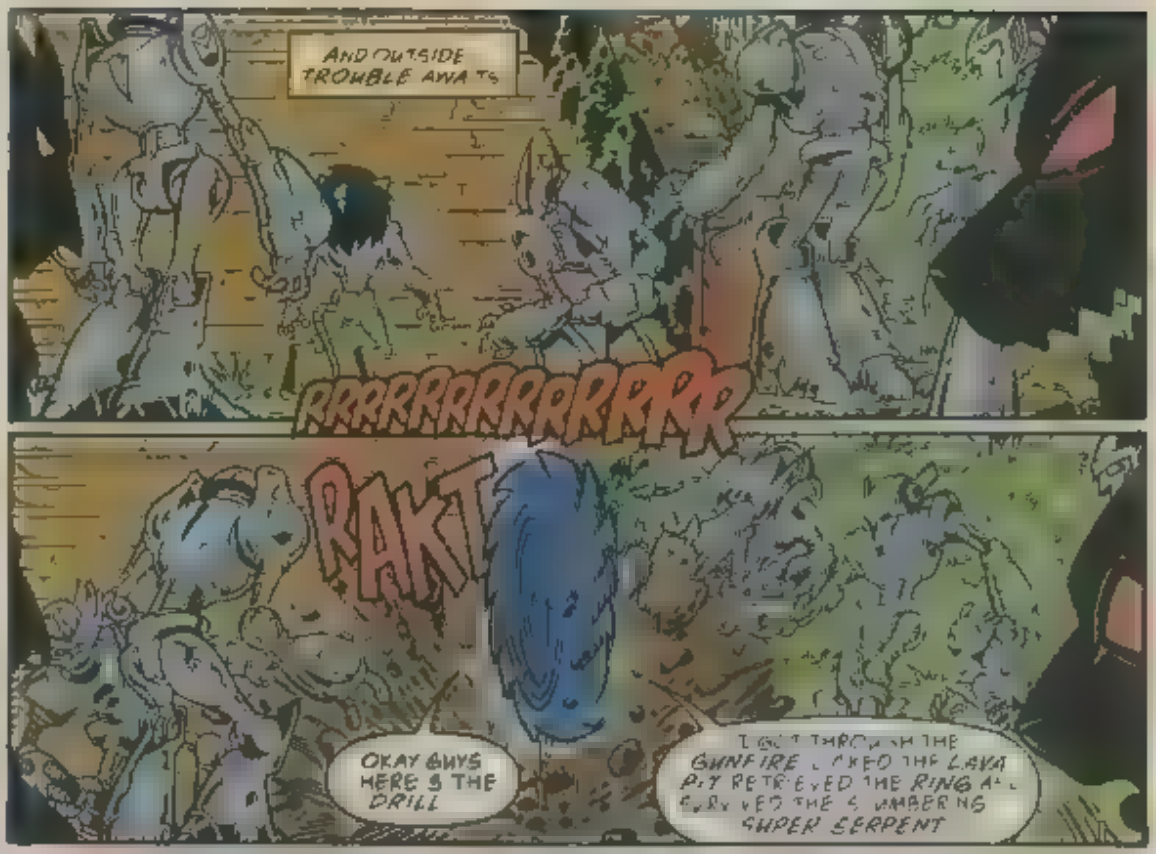
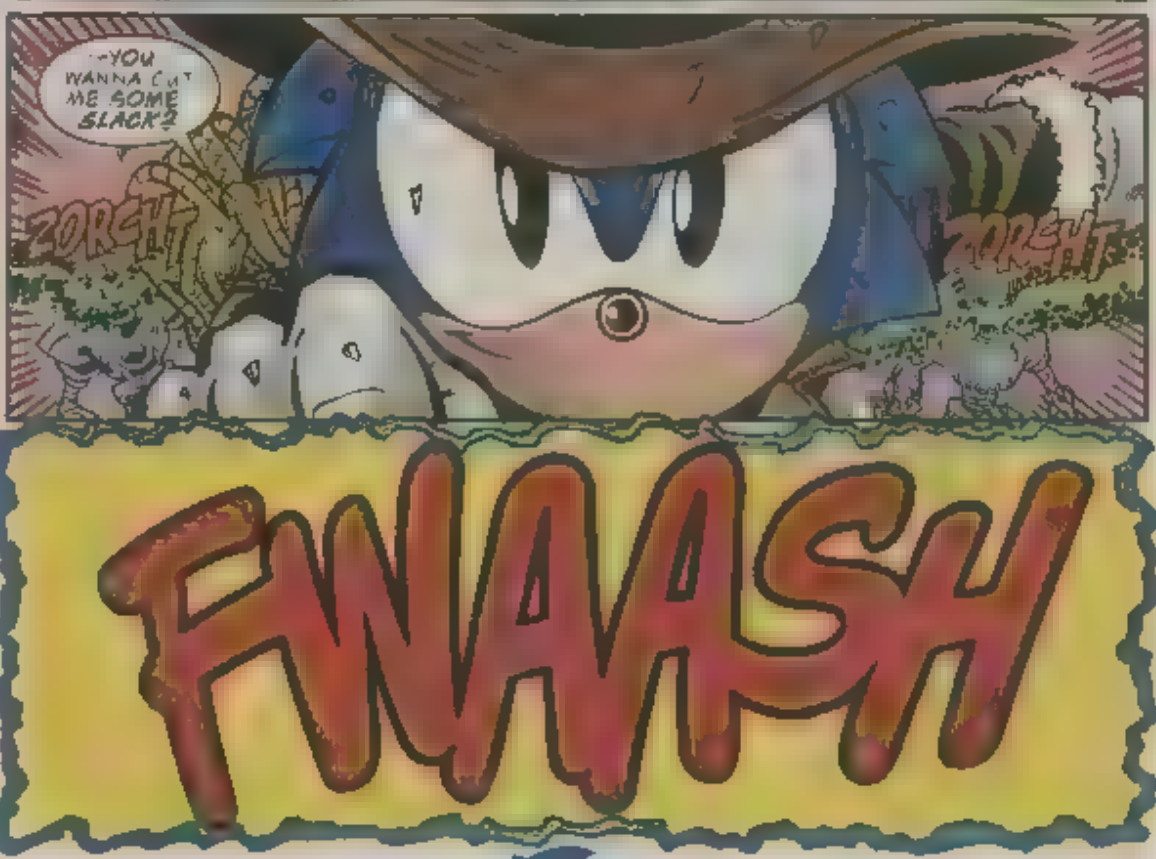
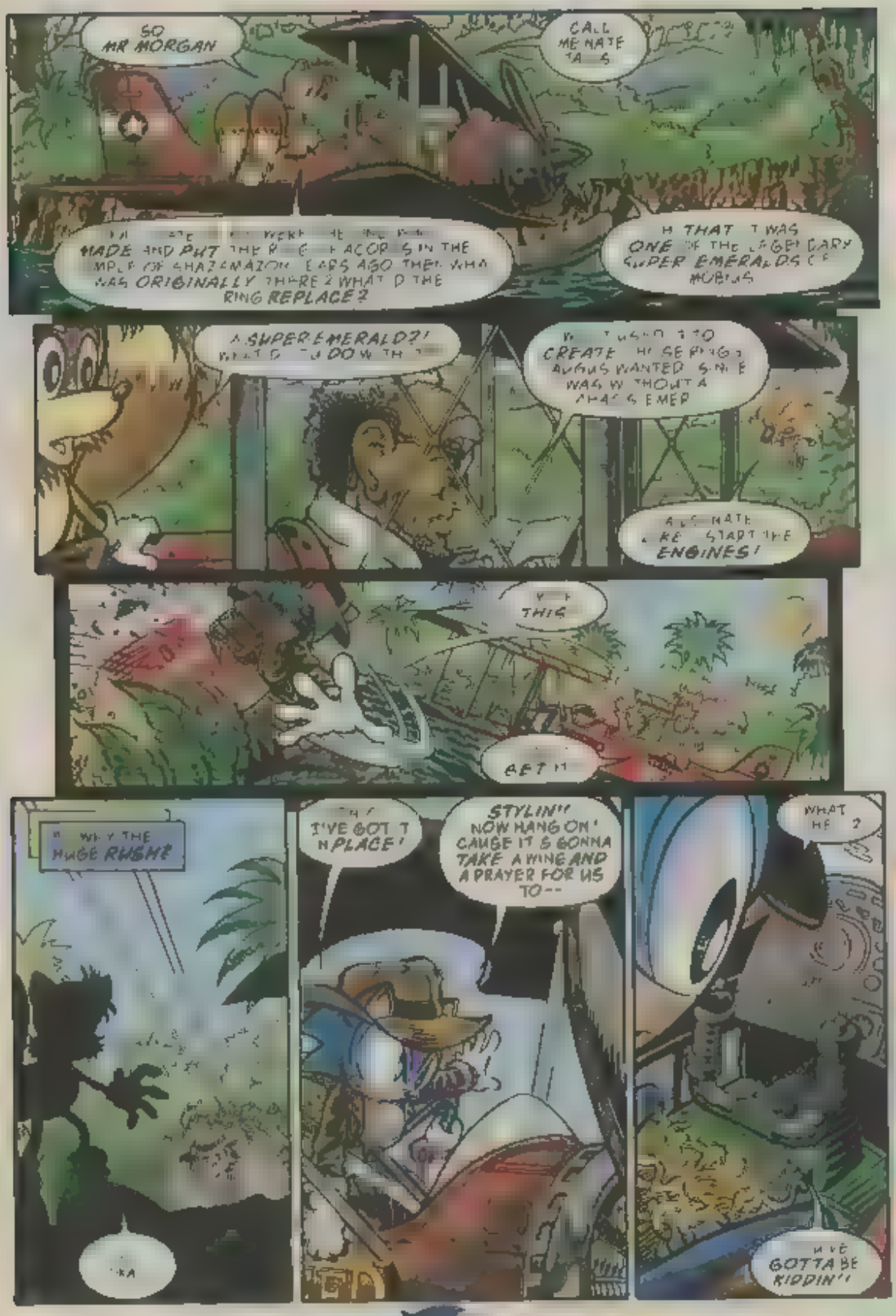

AND OUTSIDE TROUBLE AWAITS
RRRRRRRRRRRRR
RAKT
OKAY GUYS HERE'S THE DRILL
I GOT THROUGH THE GUNFIRE DODGED THE LAVA PIT RETRIEVED THE RING AND SURVIVED THE SMOLDERING SUPER SERPENT


YOU WANNA CUT ME SOME SLACK?
ZORCH!
ZORCH!
FWAASH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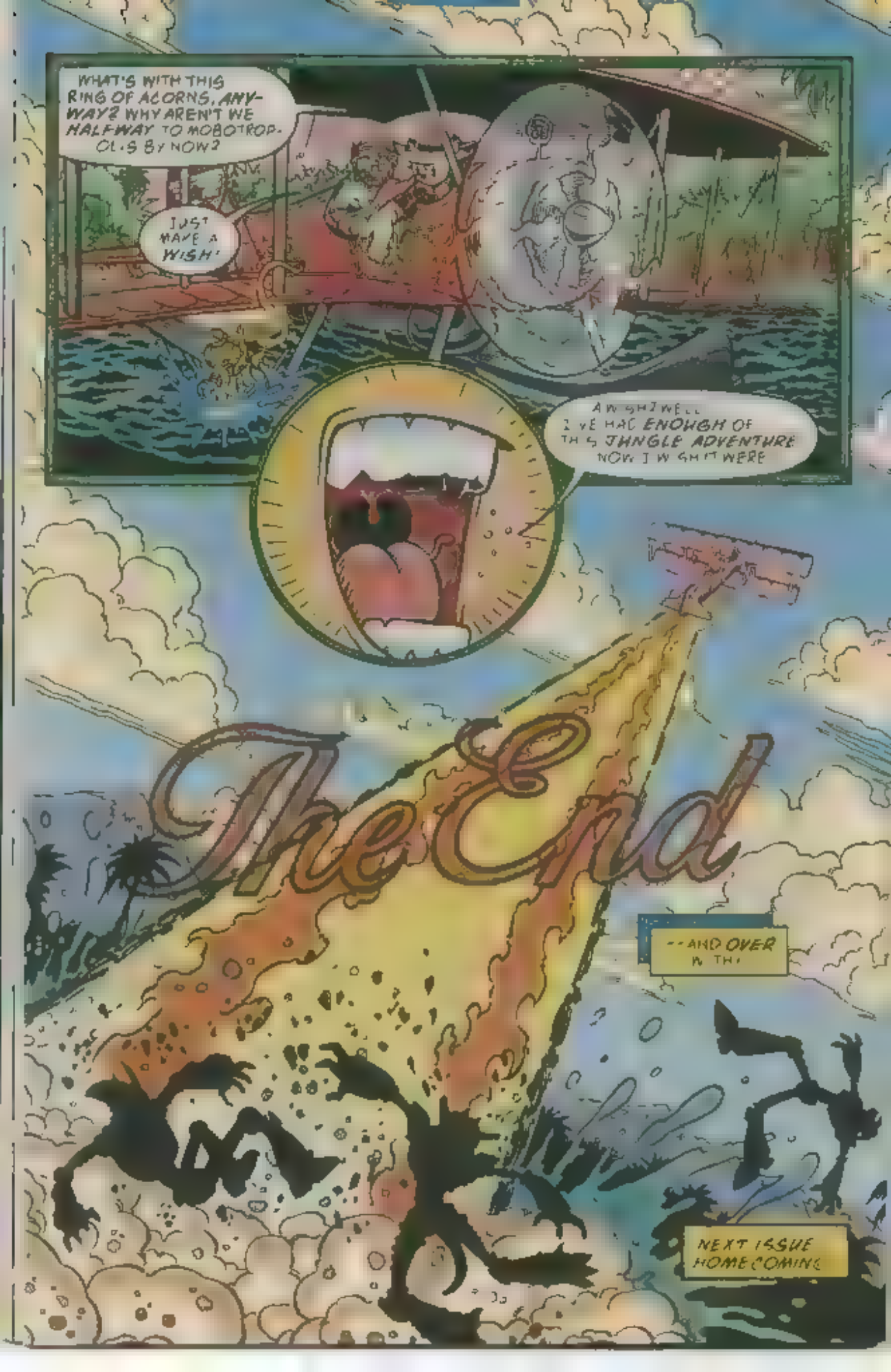
CALL ME NATE TA-S
MADE AND PUT THE R-E-E-A-COR-S IN THE MPLE OF SHAZAMAZON EARS AGO THEN WHO WAS ORIGINALLY THERE? WHAT D THE RING REPLACE?
H THAT T WAS ONE OF THE LEGENDARY SUPER EMERALDS OF MOBIUS
A SUPER EMERALD?!
CREATE HI SE PNGS AUGUS WANTED S-N-E WAS W THOUT A AMA S EMER
A-L- NATE RE START THE ENGINES!
THIS
GET IN
WHY THE HUGE RUSH?
I'VE GOT T NPLACE!
STYLIN'! NOW HANG ON' CAUSE IT S GONNA TAKE A WING AND A PRAYER FOR US TO--
WHAT HE ?
H VE GOTTA BE KIDDIN'!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AW SHIT WELL I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS JUNGLE ADVENTURE NOW I WISH IT WERE
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Tales of the Freedom Fighters
Presents
LUPE
WOLF PACK
PART 1
GUESS YOU HEARD, HUH, PRINCESS?
IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG FOR BAD NEWS TO TRAVEL AROUND HERE, LUPE
SURE I CAN'T TALK YOU OUT OF LEAVING?
STORY & INKS: KEN PENDERS
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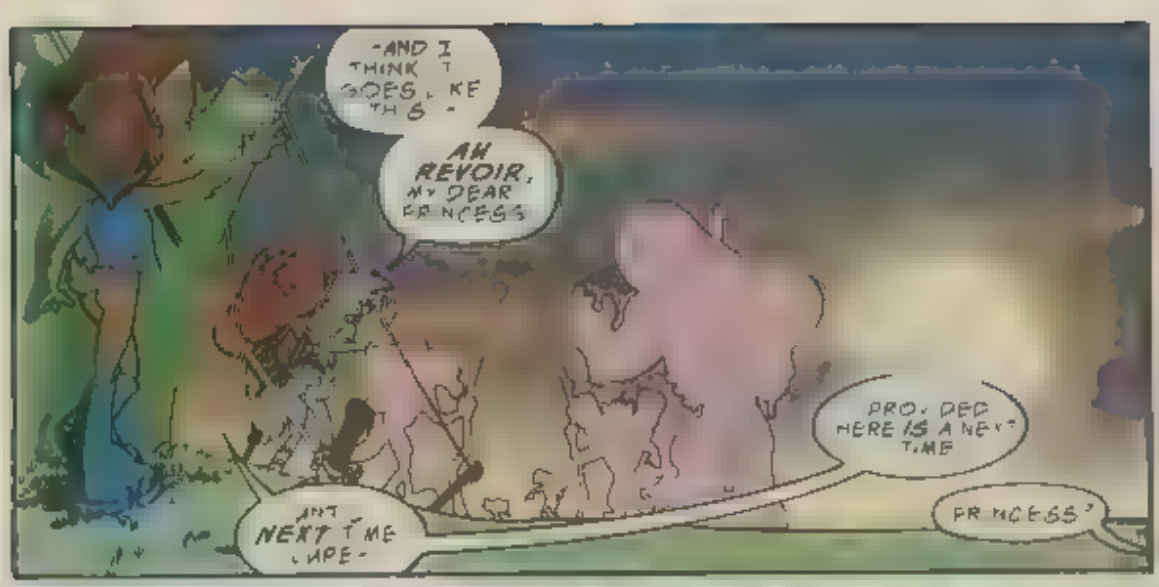
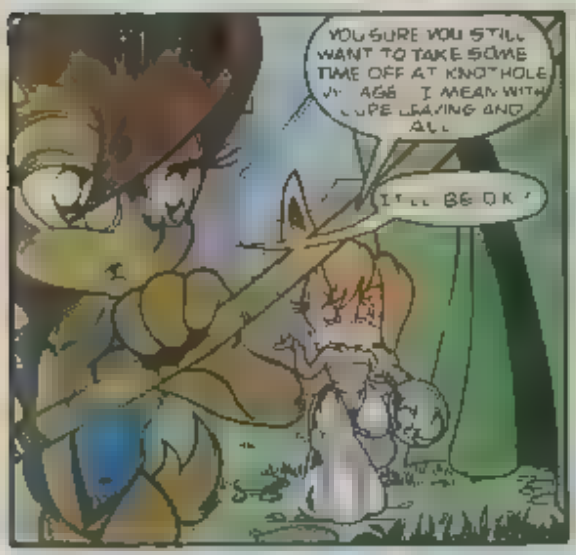
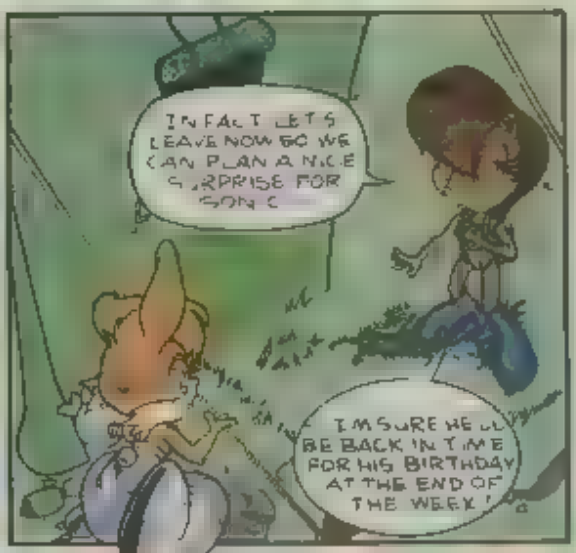
SHADOWS IN THE
I'M AFRAID NOT PRINCESS
PLAN AND SIMPLE MOBOTROPOLIS WAS NEVER HOME TO OUR KIND!
I COULD BE LUPE
IF YOU WANT SO
YOU AND THE PACK ARE MORE THAN WELCOME!
PERHAPS

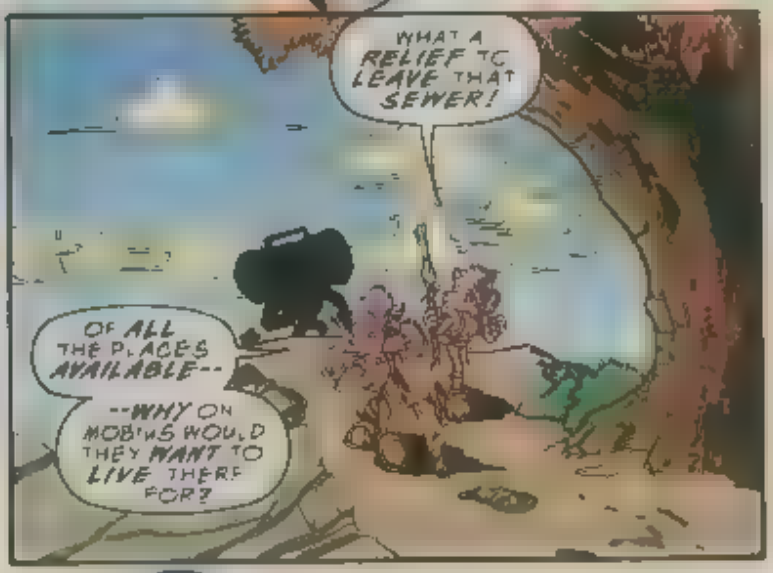
--BUT IT HAS BEEN LONG-
SO VERY LONG-
- SINCE WE LAST SAW OUR LOVED ONES!
IF LEETA AND LYCO FOUND US HERE, THEN THERE MUST BE OTHER WOLVES OUT THERE TOO
I M SORRY!
I WAS THOUGHTLESS
MY PEOPLE ARE NOT KNOWN FOR BEING OPEN WITH OUTSIDERS, PRINCESS
WITH A COMMON ENEMY" THREATENING EVERYONE'S INTERESTS WE SIMPLY FELT IT WOULD BE BEST TO ALIGN OURSELVES WITH YOUR CAUSE!"
"She means Robotnik of course"
IS GETTING A BIT BRISK, LUPE!
WE BETTER MOVE FAST IF WE HOPE TO GET FAR!
POINT TAKEN REYNARD.
ALRIGHT EVERYONE GET READY TO MOVE OUT AT DOUBLE QUICK TIME
FAREWELL, LUPE I WISH YOU AND THE PACK A SAFE JOURNEY!
YOUR COMRADE ANTOINE HAS A SAYING

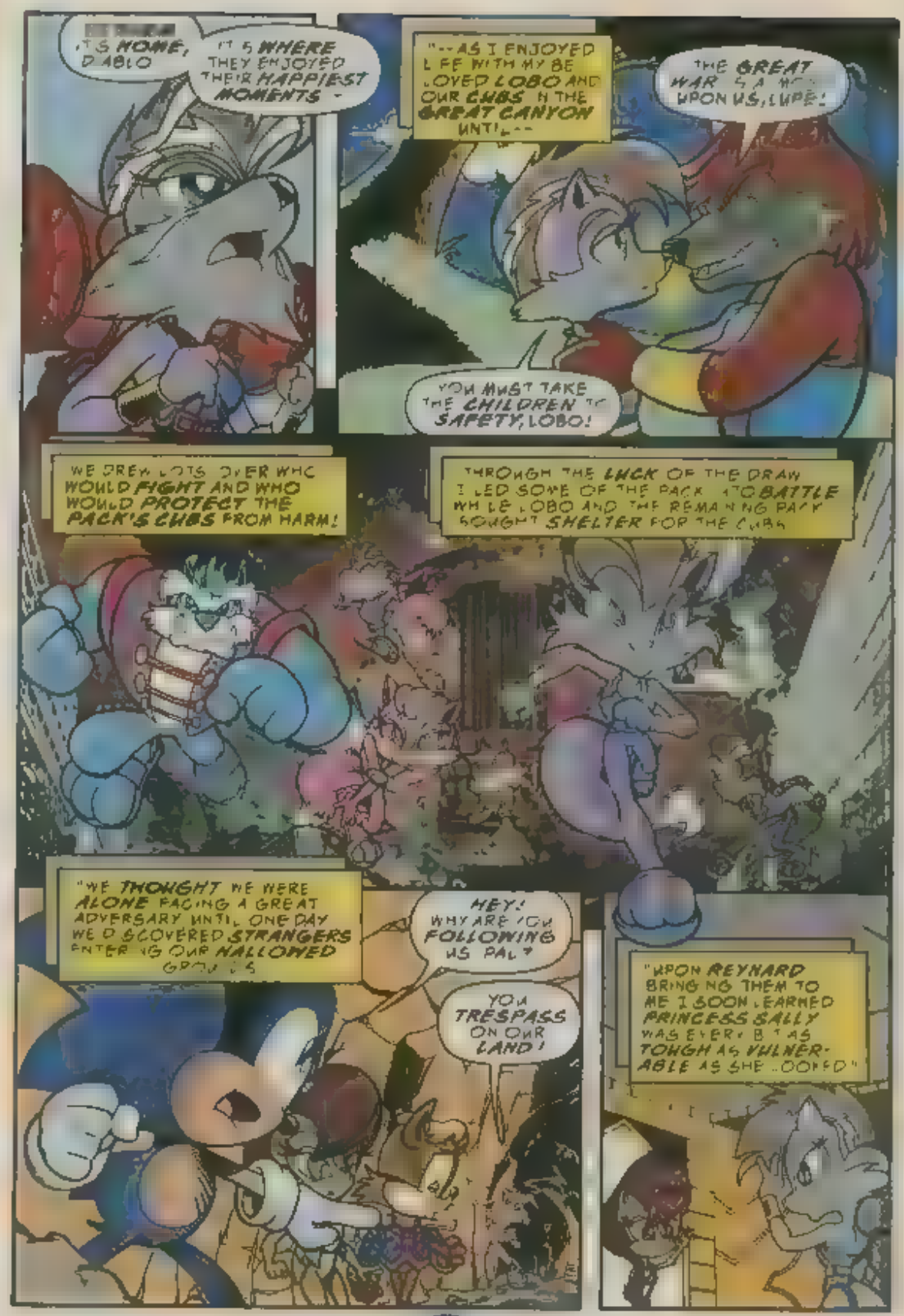

-AND I THINK IT GOES LIKE THIS -
AH REVOIR, MY DEAR PRINCESS
PROCEED HERE IS A NEXT TIME
PRINCESS?
AND NEXT TIME I HOPE -


YOU SURE YOU STILL WANT TO TAKE SOME TIME OFF AT KNOTHOLE IN THIS AGE I MEAN WITH ROBOTNIK LOOSE AND ALL
I'LL BE OK!

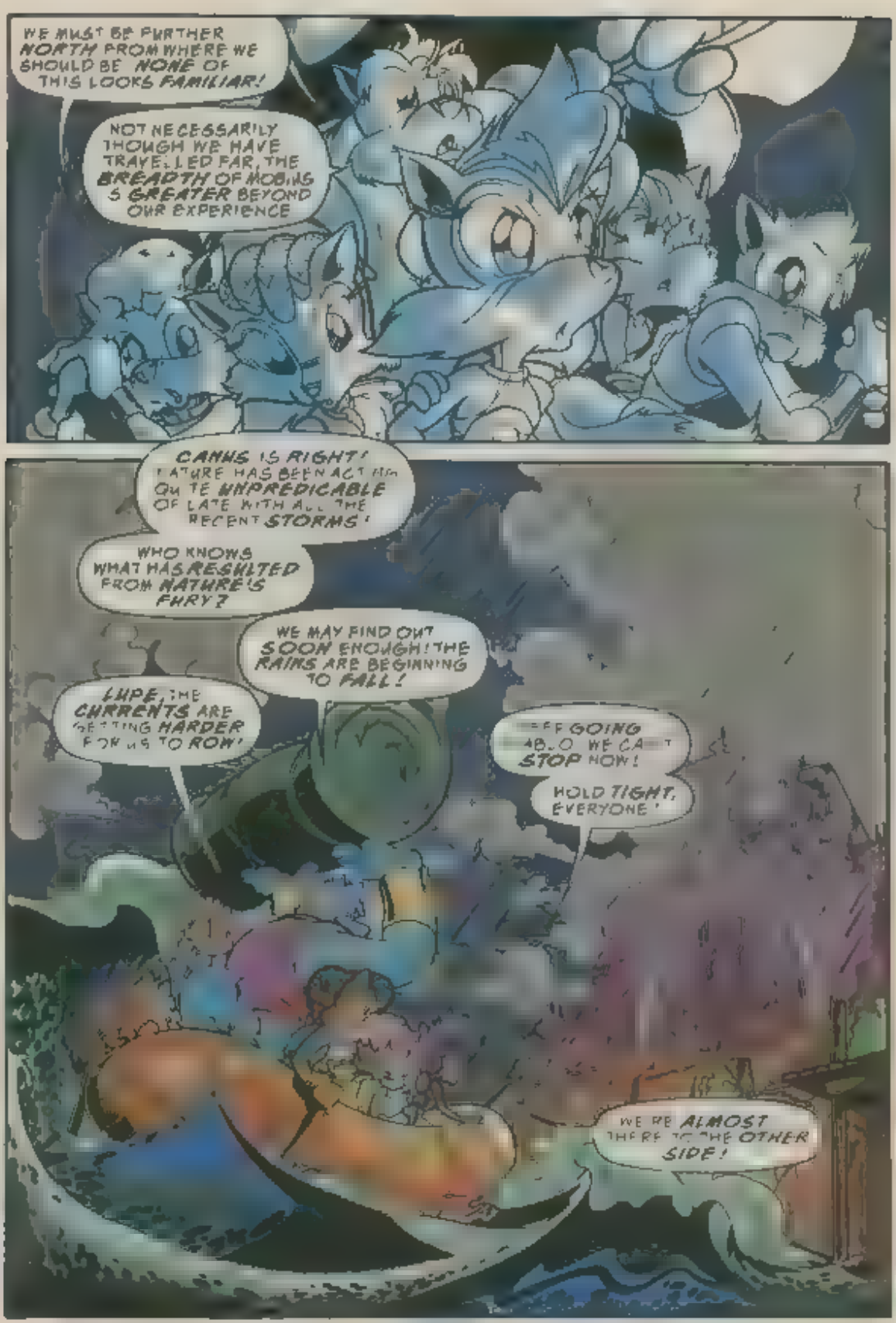

IN FACT LET'S LEAVE NOW SO WE CAN PLAN A NICE SURPRISE FOR SONIC
I'M SURE HE'LL BE BACK IN TIME FOR HIS BIRTHDAY AT THE END OF THE WEEK!

HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE HE'LL BE BACK FOR THAT ALL SUGAR SALT?
I'LL STARTED FEELING I GUESS "


WHAT A RELIEF TO LEAVE THAT SEWER!
OF ALL THE PLACES AVAILABLE--
--WHY ON MOBIUS WOULD THEY WANT TO LIVE THERE FOR?


IT'S HOME, DIABLO
IT'S WHERE THEY ENJOYED THEIR HAPPIEST MOMENTS -
"--AS I ENJOYED LIFE WITH MY BELOVED LOBO AND OUR CUBS IN THE GREAT CANYON UNTIL--
THE GREAT WAR WAS BROUGHT UPON US, LUPE!
YOU MUST TAKE THE CHILDREN TO SAFETY, LOBO!
WE DREW LOTS OVER WHO WOULD FIGHT AND WHO WOULD PROTECT THE PACK'S CUBS FROM HARM!
THROUGH THE LUCK OF THE DRAW I LED SOME OF THE PACK INTO BATTLE WHILE LOBO AND THE REMAINING PACK SOUGHT SHELTER FOR THE CUBS
"WE THOUGHT WE WERE ALONE FACING A GREAT ADVERSARY UNTIL ONE DAY WE DISCOVERED STRANGERS ENTER IN OUR HALLOWED GROUNDS
HEY! WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING US PAL?
YOU TRESPASS ON OUR LAND!
"UPON REYNARD BRINGING THEM TO ME I SOON LEARNED PRINCESS SALLY WAS EVERY BIT AS TOUGH AS VULNERABLE AS SHE LOOKED"

AN ALLIANCE WAS FORGED AND HAS REMAINED STEADFAST EVER SINCE
WITH THE WAR OVER, I NOW LONG FOR HOME AND FAMILY!
AS DO WE ALL I APE
TAKE HEART ANIAS
T'S ONLY A MATTER OF DAYS BEFORE WE REJOIN THE PACK
HOLD! I DON'T REMEMBER A RIVER OF SUCH MAGNITUDE CUTTING ACROSS OUR PATH FROM THE GREAT CANYON!
NOR DO BUT T S THERE NOW!
FORTUNATELY FOR US, I ST LL HAVE MY RAFT!
TH S SHOULD SEE US ACROSS BEFORE T BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE TC NAVIGATE THE WATERS.
EVERYONE IN!
LET S HOPE THE RIVER FLOW DOESN T GET ANY STRONGER WH LE WE SAIL!



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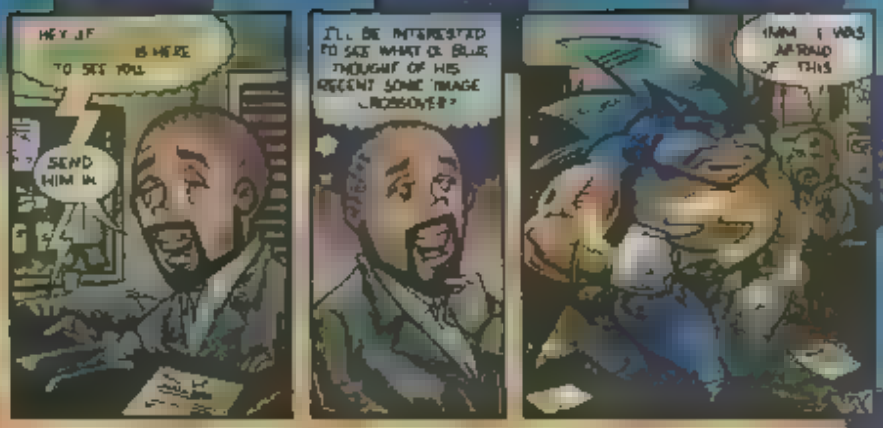

OFF PANEL By Gallagher and Manak

THIS JUST IN!

What's doin', Sonic-Fans? It s your editor Justin Freddy Gabrie coming at'cha (but you can call me J F for simplicity s sake)! I'm here to tell you about all the little changes in this issue of Sonic The Hedgehog Those changes are here to stay and have infected both Knuckles The Echidna (starting with #22) and Sonic Super Special (starting with #8) All of them will sport their individual head icons underneath the price box on the covers. This will help you by giving the Sonic comics an overall identity different from all the other books on the market today.

These issues are each debuting a new letters page with Off Panel, a comic strip by Sonic veterans Michael Gallagher and Dave Manak It'll be sure to tickle your funny bone every month From time to time , we will sport a 'Letter of the Month' so if you want to be singled out, write about a specific story (or stories) that really "grabbed" you, good or bad Also, check out the new Fan Art header by Jim Valentino And just so you know, Pro Art and Find Your Name In Print will continue to be regular features as well We're excited about all the cosmetic changes on the book and we hope it will make it that much more enjoyable for you to read.

Catch you on the flip side!

P.S For the first time in America, a video game convention is hitting the main stream! SegaCon - the Sega fan Convention will be the largest and best video game gathering the US has ever experienced On December 5 & 6, 1998, Sega fans from all over the country will convene at Wilmington, North Carolina to celebrate the Japanese premiere of Sega's Dreamcast system with its new 3-D action game 'Sonic Adventure,' as well as the other great games and systems Sega has produced For more information, check out their website- http://www.segacon.com

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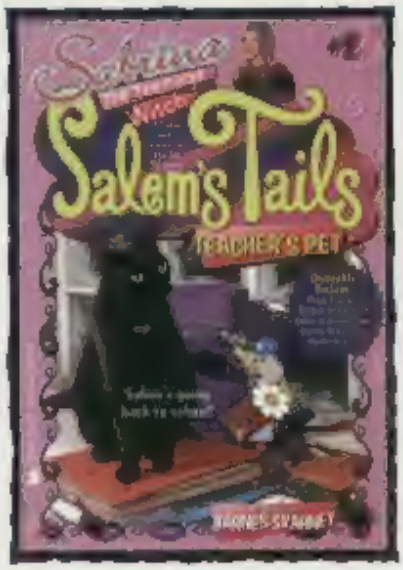

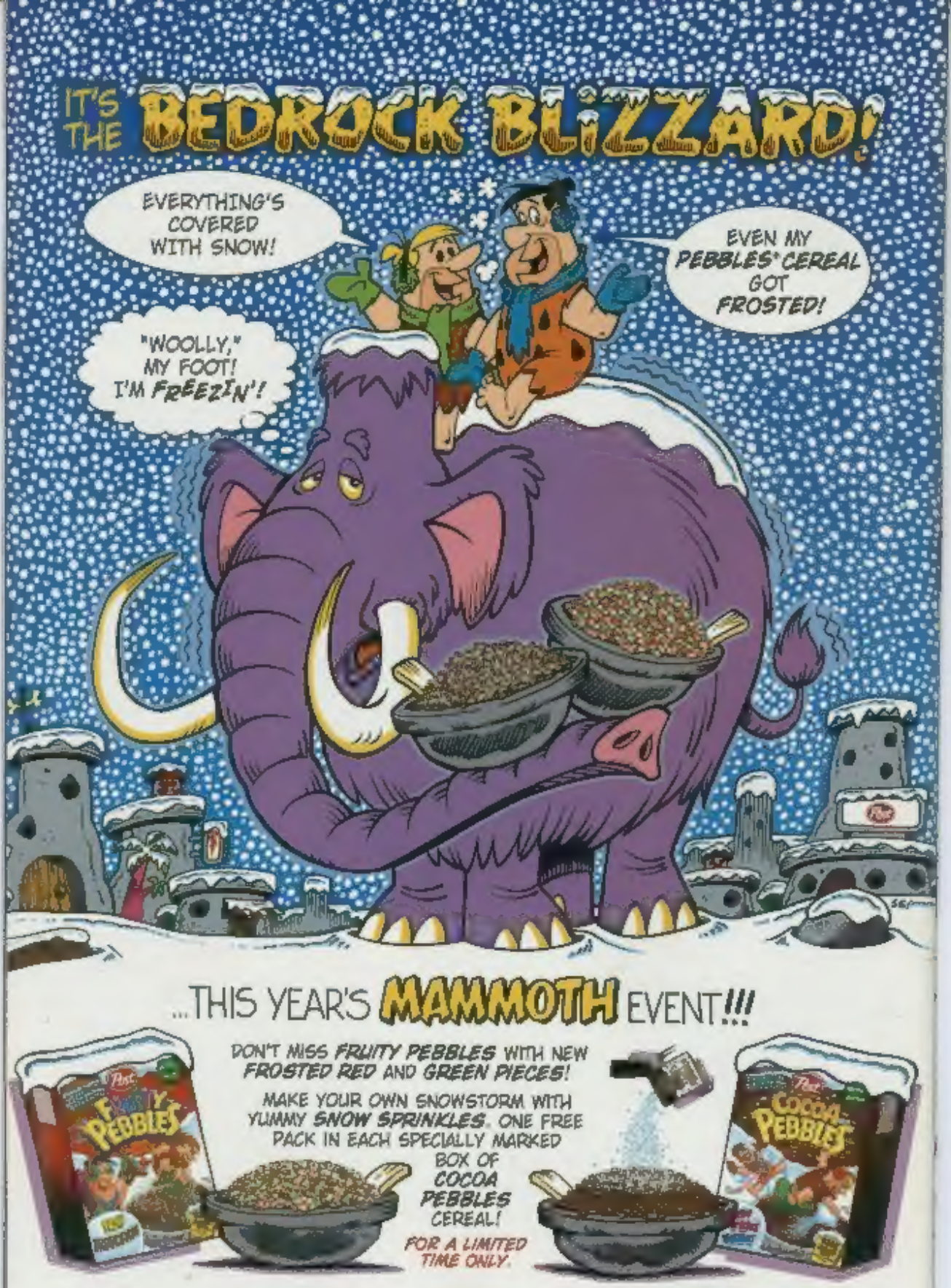

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